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SUBJECT: VISIT BY HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS STAFF STUDYING U.S.

PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

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1. THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CURRENTLY HAS
SEVERAL STAFF MEMBERS MAKING A BROAD STUDY OF U.S.
PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS AND
HOW THESE INSTITUTIONS OPERATE. IN THEIR STUDY OF THE
BANKS, HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBERS ARE
WORKING THROUGH U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICES
OF THE U.S. DIRECTORS OF THE BANKS, AND AMERICAN EMBASSIES

ABROAD. THE STUDY IS IMPORTANT FROM U.S. CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS VIEWPOINT.

2. FOR THE AFRICAN PHASE OF THE STUDY, TWO TEAMS OF COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBERS PLAN TO REVIEW THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND AND WORLD BANK IN IVORY COAST, KENYA AND MALAWI. THE STAFF HAS ALREADY COMPLETED WORK AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE WORLD BANK, THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. IT HAS ALSO VISITED SELECTED PROJECTS FINANCED BY THESE BANKS IN LATIN AMERICA AND ASIA.

3. ONE TWO-MAN COMMITTEE STAFF TEAM PLANS TO VISIT THE IVORY COAST IN ORDER TO EXAMINE SELECTED WORLD BANK PROJECTS AND TO DISCUSS AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND OPERATIONS WITH AFDF OFFICIALS AT FUND HEADQUARTERS. THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF THEIR VISIT IS AUGUST 21 TO 31, WITH FIRST WEEK DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO VISIT WITH AFDF OFFICIALS.

4. DURING THE SAME TWO WEEK PERIOD, A SECOND TWO-MAN COMMITTEE STAFF TEAM WILL VISIT SELECTED WORLD BANK PROJECTS IN KENYA AND PROGRAMS OF WORLD BANK AND AFDF IN MALAWI. VISIT TO KENYA PRESENTLY PLANNED FOR AUGUST 21, AND AUGUST 28 THROUGH 31. VISIT TO MALAWI PLANNED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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AUGUST 22 THROUGH 25.

5. ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES REQUESTED TO MAKE PRELIMINARY CONTACTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS AND ADVISE IF ANY SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES ARE FORESEEN. CONGRESSIONAL STUDY DOES NOT INVOLVE ANY ASSESSMENT OF COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMS, AND THIS SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS. WHILE LIST OF PROJECTS TO BE VISITED IN COUNTRIES IS UNDER PREPARATION IN WASHINGTON, EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERNMENT SUGGESTIONS ON PROJECTS TO BE VISITED ARE WELCOME.

6. FOR ABIDJAN: U.S. AFDF ALTERNATE DIRECTOR HENNESEY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE PRELIMINARY CONTACTS WITH AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND OFFICIALS AND ADVISE IF ANY DIFFICULTIES ARE FORESEEN IN ARRANGING MEETINGS. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION AND COMMENTS ON AFDF FINANCED PROJECTS IN MALAWI. PLEASE INFO RESPONSE TO AMEMBASSY LILONGWE.

7. MORE DETAILED CABLE WILL FOLLOW IN NEAR FUTURE WHICH WILL SET OUT REQUESTS FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING AND ASSISTING STAFF DEL VISITS. ALTHOUGH HOST COUNTRY DIRECTORS AT IBRD AND AFDF ARE BEING INFORMED BY U.S.

DIRECTORS OF VISITS, PRIMARY CONTACT POINT FOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS WILL BE U.S. EMBASSIES IN CAPITALS. VANCE

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